

16th Annual Statesmanship Awards Dinner honors former Senators Lugar and Nunn

On March 19th, the Association hosted its 16th Annual Statesmanship Awards Dinner at the Ritz Carlton Hotel in Washington, D.C. Like its 15 predecessors, this gala dinner was chaired by former Member Lou Frey (R-FL), and co-chaired by former Association President Dennis Hertel (D-MI). They were



assisted by an active steering committee, which included Connie Morella (R-MD), Barbara Kennelly (D-CT), Jim Walsh, (R-NY), Bill Delahunt (D-MA), Martin Frost (D-TX), Jim Slattery (D-KS), Larry LaRocco (D-ID), Jim Kolbe (R-AZ), Bev Byron (D-MD), and Bob Clement (D-TN).

FMC continued from last year the format of recognizing corporate and civic public service in addition to the service of current or former Members of Congress. Therefore, in addition to the traditional Statesmanship Award, the

Association presented the Corporate Statesmanship Award and the Civic Statesmanship Award.

The 2013 Corporate Statesmanship honoree was Margery Kraus, founder and CEO of APCO Worldwide. In addition to creating one of the world's foremost public relations companies, with offices in almost two-dozen countries, Ms. Kraus may be familiar to many former Members through her work on behalf of the Close Up Foundation, which brings youngsters from across the nation to Capitol Hill. She also has committed APCO to a corporate philosophy of giving back and nurtures a culture of corporate philanthropy and giving.



The 2013 Civic Statesmanship honor was given to actor and philanthropist Gary Sinise. Mr. Sinise is an award-winning actor (*Forrest Gump*, *Apollo 13*, *Truman*, *Ransom*, and currently starring in TV's *CSI: New York*), who has committed his energy to helping veterans and first responders via the Gary Sinise Foundation. Mr. Sinise participates in numerous USO events throughout the year, traveling to military bases all over the world. His foundation raises funds so that homes can be constructed specific to the needs of a wounded warrior or first responder. In addition, Mr. Sinise donates his time for a number of service-oriented charities and causes.



Former Senators Sam Nunn and Dick Lugar were the Association's 2013 Statesmanship Award honorees. The Association was pleased to recognize how bipartisanship and working across the aisle can result in great benefits, not just for the United States, but for the global community. By working together for the common goal of reducing the nuclear threat, Senators Nunn and Lugar were able to deactivate almost 8,000 nuclear warheads and secure almost 300 tons of fissile material.

The dinner brought together over 500 Association guests, including former and current Members of Congress, over 30 Ambassadors, corporate and think-tank representatives, and officials of the Obama administration. Pulitzer-Prize winning Washington Post columnist Colbert I. King served as the evening's Master of Ceremonies. Preceding the dinner, guests enjoyed participating in a silent auction of Congressional memorabilia, thanks to the efforts of former Member Jimmy Hayes (R-LA).



Annual Meeting set for May 14 through 16

It is not too late to RSVP for all or parts of the Association's 43rd Annual Meeting, to be held May 14th through May 16th. We particularly encourage former Members who are in the DC area to join us in the House Chamber at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, May 15th. In addition to presenting our annual report to Congress, we will honor fellow former Member Ray LaHood with the Association's Distinguished Service Award, and we are hopeful to have as many former Members as possible in attendance for this ceremony. Even if your schedule prevents you from participating in any other Annual Meeting event, we hope you will be able to join us for this session (from 8:00 – 9:30 a.m.; please RSVP to switiw@usafmc.org).



The Association's 43rd Annual Meeting will begin with a Congressional Reception in Statuary Hall from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 14th. In addition to former Members and their guests, we anticipate the attendance of current Members, Ambassadors, and other friends and partners of the Association. On May 15th, starting at 7:00 a.m., you can join other former Members for a cup of coffee and light breakfast in the Speaker's Room (across the hall from the House Members Dining Room) before we enter the House Chamber at 8:00 a.m.

Following the presentation of our annual report, former Members and their guests will travel by bus to George Washington University and participate in the John Breaux Symposium, which will focus on the current state of political discourse on Capitol Hill. The goal of the conference is to bring together former Members of Congress, issue experts, and university students to discuss how to make Congress work better. There will be an opening panel led by Sen. John Breaux and will include former Senate Majority Leaders Trent Lott (R-MS) and Tom Daschle (D-SD), Senator Blanche Lincoln (D-AR), former Member Mickey Edwards (R-OK), former Member Mark Kennedy (R-MN) and former Member Norm Dicks (D-WA). The opening panel will be followed by 5 breakout sessions led by a moderator and designed to incorporate the contributions of our membership. The goal of the conference is to put together a publication that can be disseminated to all current Members elected to the next Congress. Lunch as well as dinner will be provided during the Symposium.



After the Symposium concludes, Annual Meeting participants will travel by bus to the National Archives where the Association will host a panel focused on Congress and the White House, Working Together – Or Not Working At All? Panelists include former Members Vic Fazio, Steve LaTourette, Blanche Lincoln, and Larry Pressler. The panel will be moderated by Peter Cook of Bloomberg TV. There will be special reserved seating for former Members and their guests. The panel is free of charge, open to the public, and continues the Association's long partnership with the National Archives in bringing timely and provocative former Member panels together with the public.

The Campaign to Fix the Debt is hosting a breakfast discussion at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 16th, and is inviting former Members to participate if so interested. This is not an Association-sponsored event, and you should therefore RSVP directly to Fix the Debt at Brennan@fixthedebt.org.

Please let us know as soon as possible whether you can join us for any/all of our Annual Meeting. We are particularly hopeful to have a large number of former Members show their support for Secretary LaHood as we present to him the 43rd Distinguished Service Award in the House Chamber on Wednesday, May 15th, beginning at 8 a.m. For all Association events, please RSVP to switiw@usafmc.org.

6th Congressional Golf Classic will again raise funds for Wounded Warriors

Please mark your calendars for Monday, July 22nd, for the Association's annual golf tournament. As you may know, six years ago the Association converted its traditional golf get-together into a charitable fundraiser for wounded warriors returning from Iraq and Afghanistan. To date, we have raised almost \$300,000 for this worthy group of heroes.

Chaired by former Members Dennis Hertel (D-MI) and Ken Kramer (R-CO), the tournament is one of the few opportunities left for current and former Members from both sides of the aisle to come together in an informal and non-partisan way. United by their desire to help a highly deserving group of men and women, Republicans and Democrats play in a golf tournament that is more about having fun than about being on the winning team. If you play golf only once a year, then this is the day and the tournament. No golfer will be turned away for lack of talent or skill!

For six years, tournament proceeds have benefited WarFighter Sports, a program of Disabled Sports USA. WarFighter Sports offers sports rehabilitation programs in military hospitals and communities across the U.S. through a nationwide network of over 100 community-based chapters. Wounded Warriors use sports such as golf, skiing, scuba diving, mountain climbing, archery and surfing to aid in their rehabilitation. The charity includes family members so that a wounded warrior has his/her support group able to participate upon graduating from the program.

While current Member participation in the past has risen, former Member participation has actually declined. The Association hopes to reverse this trend! Most importantly, we want to encourage former Member golfers of any skill to consider participating. Even though the event is a tournament pitting Republicans against Democrats, the rules are designed so that scores will even themselves out and higher scores will not be held against you. It is a wonderful day of bringing colleagues and old friends together and you will have a chance to meet a group of young men and women who will inspire you! Preceding the tournament there will be a breakfast for all players, and following your day on the course there will be a concluding dinner. For the entire day, you will be joined by wounded warriors benefiting from the tournament. You will learn first-hand how you have made a positive difference. We therefore hope you will consider joining the tournament, no matter how advanced your golfing skills are. We also would welcome any volunteers to help us run the tournament. To play, to connect us with a sponsor, or to let us know about a volunteer, please email Sharon Witiw at switiw@usafmc.org.

The 6th Annual Congressional Golf Classic will be held on Monday, July 22nd, at the Army Navy Country Club located next to the Pentagon. Breakfast and registration begins at 8 a.m., the tournament's shotgun start is 9:30, and the concluding dinner is anticipated to commence at 5 p.m. We hope you will join us!

Working Group for a Working Congress

Just over a year ago, the National Institute for Civil Discourse met to discuss the current political climate in Congress and how it may be improved. From that meeting, the Institute created a coalition of organizations to work with Congress and offer its support and guidance, in hopes of improving the way Congress does business. FMC, alongside several other like minded organizations¹, joined the Coalition for Civil Discourse, in support of this goal. During that meeting and discussion thereafter two current behaviors were identified that seem to stymie action in Congress: the filibuster in the Senate; and the loss of committee power in the House. Building on the idea that putting power back in the committees' hands may help, the Coalition scheduled a working group meeting with Members and representatives from each group in the Coalition to see if we can help.

This April, the meeting was held with several Members in attendance. The ensuing discussion focused on how to get back to "Regular Order" as well as the need for Members to get to know other Members; particularly those who are new, across the aisle, or in committees other than their own. Cooperation and civility, it appears, are by-products of knowing - really knowing - other Members. And although there are some committees that still work well and come to agreements, there are many committees that do not, leading to the questions: Is there a way that standards of Regular Order for committees can be established through this working group; and thereafter can those standards be brought to a committee that is neither functioning well nor completely dysfunctional, to become the model of how to break the inaction cycle? Finding the right committee, it was decided, depends greatly on who the chairman and ranking members are, and whether they actually want to move towards Regular Order. Moreover, the committee must be one that deals with matters that are meaningful to the American public.

Though the discussion focused on how to take action in the committees, at this juncture Rep. Cleaver and Rep. Granger, who have agreed to co-lead the Working Group, will start by presenting a letter to the leadership indicating that the Working Group exists and would like to help establish Regular Order in the House.

¹ The Aspen Institute; Bipartisan Policy Center; Congressional Institute; congressional Management Foundation; Institute of Politics; and the Faith & Politics Institute.

Congress to Campus Wraps Up a Successful Spring Semester



Congress to Campus: Turkey in front of the Turkish Parliament. Delegation FMs: Ben Chandler (D-KY); Lincoln Davis (D-TN); Jim Kolbe (R-AZ); and Martin Lancaster (D-NC).

Spring 2013 semester for the Congress to Campus (CtC) program began in early February and went through mid-April, with eight CtC visits. Six of these were domestic visits, while two were international visits to the United Kingdom and Turkey. This semester, CtC reached every corner of the country, from SUNY Albany to Weber State University in Utah to Palm Beach, Florida. There were also visits back to Florida at Nova Southeastern University, Suffolk University in Boston, a group from Pepperdine University School of Law here in Washington, D.C. as well as a return visit to the Naval Academy in Annapolis (who we hope will be an annual participant).



FMs Martin Frost (D-TX) and Lou Frey (R-FL) at the Congress to Campus visit to the Naval Academy.

This important program would not be possible without the incredible support of our Membership, who donate their time pro-bono in order to have vital face-to-face conversations with tomorrow's leaders. Thank you so much to these former Members and the many others who—in just three months—helped us reach out to thousands of students to encourage public service and educate them about the institution of Congress.

Former Member recruitment for the Fall 2013 Semester will begin soon, so please be on the lookout for an email announcement sometime this summer. If you are interested in participating in CtC this fall—especially if you have never gone on a visit and would like more information—please contact Sharon Witiw at switiw@usafmc.org or 202.507.4847. Thanks again to our wonderful host schools and former Member teams for a great Spring Semester; we are looking forward to working with you again this fall!

Leadership of The Congressional Study Groups for the 113th Congress

The Congressional Study Groups – the flagship international programs of FMC – are independent, non-partisan international legislative exchanges committed to increasing substantive, issue-based dialogue with the United States’ strategic allies. Programming consists of regular roundtable discussions on Capitol Hill, as well as Member and Sr. Congressional Staff study tours abroad.

Each Study Group is chaired by a bipartisan pair of Members of Congress, and we are delighted to announce our co-chairs for the 113th Congress.

The Congressional Study Group on Germany (Founded 1983)



Sen. Jeff Sessions (R-AL)



Sen. Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH)



Rep. Charlie Dent (R-PA)



Rep. Tim Ryan (D-OH)

The Congressional Study Group on Japan (Founded 1993)



Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-AK)



Sen. Mazie K. Hirono (D-HI)



Rep. Shelley Moore Capito
(D-WV)



Rep. Jim McDermott
(D-WA)

The Congressional Study Group Turkey (Founded 2005)



Rep. Gerald Connolly (D-VA)



Rep. Ed Whitfield (R-KY)

The Congressional Study Group Europe (Founded 2011)



Rep. Jeff Fortenberry (R-NE)



Rep. Peter Welch (D-VT)

The Congressional Study Groups would like to thank the Economic Policy Research Foundation of Turkey, the German Marshall Fund of the United States, the Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission, the Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA, as well as the companies which make up The Study Groups' Business Advisory Councils for their continued support of Study Group activities.

For more information about how you can attend or help support Study Group programming, please contact Sabine Schleidt, Director of International Programs, at 202-507-4849 or SSchleidt@usafmc.org.

Congressional Study Group on Turkey Talks Energy

The Congressional Study Group on Turkey (CSGT) held a panel discussion on the Southern Energy Corridor on February 27, 2013, featuring Charge d'Affaires Timur Soylemez, Azerbaijan Ambassador Elin Suleymanov, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Energy Diplomacy Amos Hochstein, and Members of Congress Cory Gardner (R-CO) and Donna F. Edwards (D-MD) and moderated by former U.S. Ambassador Ross Wilson. The event brought together numerous Members of Congress, ambassadors, DCMs, sector leaders, government officials and think tank representatives. The keynote speakers expounded on the significance of this energy corridor from each of their perspectives. Congresswoman Edwards and Energy Subcommittee Member, Congressman Gardner, highlighted the corridor's importance in ensuring the European energy security. The current state of energy projects and energy policies for this region were discussed by the Azerbaijan Ambassador and Turkish Charge. Amos Hochstein noted the U.S. government attaches great importance to the Southern Energy Corridor and gives its support to the policy of energy security of its European allies, adding that the U.S. would continue its traditional strong partnership with Turkey and Azerbaijan.



30th Annual Congress-Bundestag Seminar



The U.S. and German parliamentarians pose for a picture with State Minister of the German Federal Foreign Office, Mr. Michael Georg Link. Photo courtesy German Federal Foreign Office

The Congressional Study Group on Germany (CSGG) this spring held its 30th Annual Congress-Bundestag Seminar in Berlin and Munich. This program provides a forum for current Members of Congress and the German Bundestag to engage in high-level dialogue on the most important issues of the transatlantic relationship. As befits such a landmark anniversary, the Study Group's delegation consisted of 9 Members of Congress – the largest and most senior in recent memory – led by CSGG Chair Rep. Tim Ryan of Ohio and Vice-Chair Rep. Charlie Dent of Ohio. Highlights included a meeting with Chancellor Angela Merkel, as well as roundtables on security cooperation, the proposed Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership, and the future of the European Union.



Past CSGG Chair Rep. Rob Bishop of Utah examines archival documents of the U.S.-German relationship at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs with longtime friend and colleague Hans Ulrich Klose.

This year, FMC, represented by Association President Connie Morella, presented the first ever International Statesmanship Award to Mr. Hans Ulrich Klose, Member of the German Bundestag, for his longstanding service to strengthening the U.S.-German relationship and in appreciation of his leadership championing The Congressional Study Group on Germany for over a decade.



Association President Connie Morella and Members of the U.S. Congressional Delegation listen to simultaneous translation of remarks by Parliamentary State Secretary in the Federal Ministry of Defense Christian Schmidt. Photo courtesy Bavarian State Chancellery

The Congressional Study Groups highlight major comprehensive trade agreement negotiations with Deputy U.S. Trade Representative

As the global economic crisis continues, some nations, including the United States are looking to comprehensive free trade agreements to spur growth. The Congressional Study Groups was honored to host Deputy U.S. Trade Representative Miriam Sapiro and Deputy U.S. Trade Representative Demetrios Marantis at two different luncheon roundtables to discuss the challenges and opportunities ahead for two major trade initiatives.

At the end of March 2013, President Barack Obama and the United States Trade Representative (USTR) notified Congress of their intent to negotiate a U.S.-E.U. free trade area, called the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership. The President announced this initiative at the 2013



State of the Union Address, and just a few days later on February 14th, The Congressional Study Group on Europe featured Ambassador Miriam Sapiro, Deputy USTR for Europe, the Middle East and the Americas for a most timely discussion with current, senior congressional staff, and members of The Study Groups' Business Advisory Council. Several former Members of Congress also attended, including Phil English, Bart Gordon, and Cliff Stearns. Secretary-General of the European Parliament

Klaus Welle also participated as an official respondent and special guest.

Just two weeks later, at the start of the 16th Round of Negotiations for the Transpacific Partnership, Deputy USTR for Asia and Africa, Ambassador Demetrios Marantis (now Acting USTR), addressed a similar luncheon roundtable. In attendance were current and former Members of Congress – including Dennis Hertel, Orval Hansen, Glenn Nye, and Bill Zeff – as well as Ambassadors Mike Moore of New Zealand and Ashkok Mirpuri of Singapore, members of our Diplomatic Advisory Council who were active participants.

A FM in Profile: William Frenzel (R -MN, 1971-1991)



At the age of 84, William Frenzel still maintains a youthful, straight-forward attitude towards life. An Economic Fellow at the Brookings Institution in Washington, D.C., Frenzel has had a long career of public service. From Congress to the Eurasia Foundation to the Fix the Debt Coalition, he has worked towards solving some of the most complicated issues of our time. Frenzel still looks back at his 20-year stint representing Minnesota's 3rd district fondly, remembering the friendships he made and the many issues he tackled.

After serving in the Minnesota State Legislature for many years, Frenzel did not know what to expect when he arrived in Washington. What he did encounter was a tense political climate. Surprisingly, even thirty years ago, Congress was not very popular. In fact, it only had a thirty to forty percent approval rating but in 1971, Congress was a bit different than Congress today. Frenzel believes that Congressional problems are getting more and more complex. Moreover, Mr. Frenzel points out that the constant spotlight that Congressmen are under, as a result of the spectacular change in communication and media, is quite different than during his time in office.

As a member of the House of Ways & Means, House Budget, and House Banking & Currency Committees, the economy, and particularly enhancing and enlarging international trade, became a major part of his world outlook. While he had many accomplishments throughout his work on these committees, Mr. Frenzel notes he also had time to perfect his doodling skills.

After leaving Congress in 1991, Frenzel found himself working with many issue focused organizations such as the Transatlantic Policy Network, the President's Commission to Strengthen Social Security, and SEIU's Contest of Economic Ideas to name a few. He was most surprised however, to find himself working as Chairman of the Pew Charitable Trusts' Commission on Children in Foster Care. As someone who had become known as a budget cutter, he had rarely been involved in welfare related issues, but when working at Pew he was able to meet an entire new group of people who were focused on working with children. This continued exposure to new people and issues has bode well for Frenzel and has kept him busy.

Frenzel has yet to stop working since leaving Congress, and although at times he misses the fast pace of the Hill, he enjoys having control of his own schedule and affairs. More importantly, after leaving the Hill, Mr. Frenzel was able to spend more time with his family when he wanted to see them, rather than when his congressional schedule allowed.

He believes that those former Members who have more fun and gain satisfaction in what they are doing, are those who continue to take on different projects. Sitting at his desk at

Brookings, Frenzel is largely in control of his work and is able to conduct research on topics he finds interesting. He continues to be very active, especially when compared to many of his peers who have taken retirement in stride, sitting on a rocking chair instead of at a desk. While there are many who are happy to spend their days quietly, Frenzel believes that being involved with things keeps you alive. As he put it, "the ones who go home to rock, die early."

FMC assists in hosting parliamentary delegation from Nigeria

The Institute for Representative Government (IRG) is a non-profit organization founded and overseen by a number of former Members of Congress. Presently, the organization is chaired by former Members Jim Jones (D-OK) and Bill Clinger (R-PA). The Association's CEO, Pete Weichlein, supports IRG's activities as its Executive Director. Due to these many layers of synergy, the two organizations anticipate numerous opportunities to collaborate in the future. The first such opportunity presented itself in March 2013, when a delegation of Nigerian parliamentarians



visited the United States. This particular visit was organized by the National Democratic Institute (NDI) and chaired by Jim Jones and Mark Green (R-WI).

From March 16 to March 24, 2013, NDI hosted a delegation of five members from Nigeria's National Assembly, including one senator and four members of the House of Representatives.

This group was chosen based on considerations of committee leadership and membership, seniority, regional and religious diversity, and gender parity. These reform-minded legislators were nominated from the three opposition parties in addition to the ruling party. The aim of the program was to enhance the capacity of legislators to effectively ensure transparency and accountability in the functioning of the National Assembly, as well as to improve the National Assembly's capacity to oversee the executive branch, particularly with regard to natural resource management. The following members participated in the study mission: Senator Victor Lar from the ruling People's Democratic Party (PDP), chair of the Senate Committee on Drugs, Narcotics and Anti-Corruption representing Plateau State; Honorable Abike Dabiri-Erewa from the Action Congress Party (ACP), chair of the

House Committee on Diaspora Affairs representing Lagos State; Honorable Uche Ekwunife of the All Progressive Grand Alliance Party, chair of the House Committee



on Environment representing Anamabra State; Honorable Rafequat Onabamiro of the ACP, vice-Chair of the Committee on Women in Parliament and member of the ad-hoc committee on the Petroleum Industry Bill representing Lagos State; and Honorable Simon Arabo of the PDP representing Kaduna State.

The exchange provided an opportunity for the

members to examine the U.S. legislative process, focusing on issues of transparency, accountability and legislative oversight, particularly as related to natural resource management. The study mission also provided an opportunity for the delegation to discuss such topics of international engagement in Nigeria as energy, security, and development. Several sessions helped strengthen the participants' understanding of the role and functions of the U.S. Congress, including meetings with former Clerk of the House Lorraine Miller; Representative Donna Edwards; staff of the House Foreign Affairs Committee; and through participating in the U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress' annual dinner in Washington, D.C. Participants engaged on issues of legislative transparency and accountability through meetings with the Sunlight Foundation and International Budget Partnership, as well as the World Bank. Finally, the delegation discussed salient issues in U.S.-Nigeria relations during meetings at the Department of State, with representatives of the National Security Staff, and during a meeting with the Nigeria analyst from the Congressional Research Service. Discussions ranged from topics of security and Boko Haram, to corruption, transparency, and trade.

The program also included a two-day visit to Montana. The delegates spent a working day at the Montana State House where they were welcomed by Governor Steve Bullock and hosted by



Montana native and former Clerk of the House Dave Hunter. They had the opportunity to observe the state legislature in session, interacting with the Clerk and learning more about the automated voting system employed therein. They met with representatives from the private sector in a joint-panel with oil and gas regulators and civil society representatives to discuss natural resource issues and advocacy at the state level. In the context of the pending Petroleum Industry Bill (PIB) in Nigeria, these meetings allowed the legislators to ask industry-specific questions of experts. The delegation visited Montana Tech University to meet with petro-engineers and hydrologists who provided them with technical context, further illustrating the need for parliamentarians to have a greater understanding of the science behind the oil industry. Finally, participants visited the world's largest man made toxic lake in Butte, before spending two hours learning about the lessons learned in the course of Montana's history with regard to environmental degradation and socio-economic development.

Association hosts delegation of young professionals from North Africa

For the third year in a row, FMC, in partnership with Legacy International, submitted a successful bid to the U.S. Department of State to host a delegation of young professionals from the Middle East/North Africa in Washington. This year's delegation includes 12 participants from Libya, Egypt, and Tunisia. Almost half of the delegation is female. The delegates work for local and federal government institutions, NGOs, the media, and the legal field.

As in years past, FMC and Legacy International screen and interview the candidates preceding their selection by the U.S. Embassies in participating countries. Candidates then are placed in fellowships in Washington, mostly on Capitol Hill, but also with non-governmental organizations and think tanks, such as the German Marshall Fund of the United States. FMC has been privileged to host two delegations per year, and to place former Members on US delegations visiting the region as a follow up.

The current delegation includes:



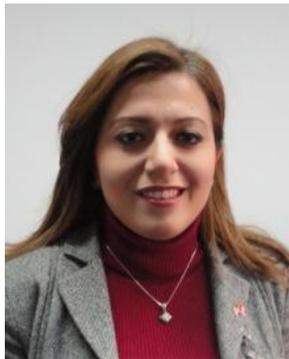
1. Ola Omran of Cairo, Egypt. After earning her Masters in Biochemistry, Ola joined the Egyptian Red Crescent as a trainer, focusing on training that addresses epidemics such as Swine Flu. She would like to conduct a national awareness campaign against hepatitis C, since Egypt ranks number one in hepatitis C prevalence.



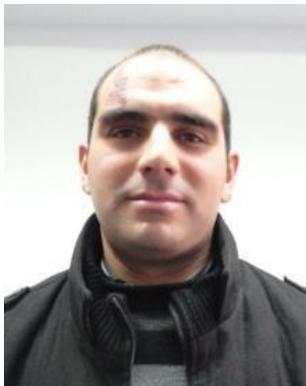
2. Nermin Helmy Ahmed of Cairo, Egypt has earned a Masters in Investment and Finance. She is a Senior Project Officer, with ALROWAD, a USAID project. Based on her DC experience, she would like to present a policy paper to the Egyptian government about two things: 1, inventing new ideas to empower women and include them in the workforce of the country, and 2, initiate a program to encourage entrepreneurship in Egypt, especially for those who are in the last year in university studies and recent graduates who have innovative ideas that can benefit the country.



3. Kareem Sadik of Cairo, Egypt is currently studying for a post graduate Diploma of Civic Society and Human Rights and is working as a Managing Program Specialist at the Health Management and Research Unit, Center of Development Services. His goal is to play a role in establishing the first hepatitis patients association which will advocate for the hepatitis C issue in Egypt from all sides, from addressing related health policies to evaluating therapeutic services and enhance prevention activities.



4. Tasnim Gazbar of Manouba, Tunisia, holds a Ph.D. in Management Science, and is an Assistant Professor, Consultant and Political Activist. She searches for better ways to resolve political conflicts and violence, enhance the process of building positive change within political parties and the political process.



5. Karim Karmi of Bardo, Tunisia, holds a Master's degree in applied linguistics and teachers at the University of Manouba. He is interested in finding out how youth in the United States are dealing with the phenomenon of unemployment and translating lessons learned to Tunisia.



6. Charfeddine Yacoubi of Hammam Chatt, Tunisia, holds a Master's in Public Administration and works for the Ministry of State Property and Land Affairs. He is interested in a project that helps young people start their own local business and become more entrepreneurial.



7. Sameh Ben Cheikh Ahmed of Tebourba, Tunisia, holds a Diploma Of Advanced Studies in Marketing and works as a Project coordinator, Club UNESCO Alecso Bardo. She would like to learn management and communications skills in order to better reach the youth audience of Tunisia.



8. Rabeb Ben Khalifa of Borj Cedria, Tunisia, holds a Master's in Applied English and Professional Communication and works as a Research Assistant for the International Organization for Migration. Her goal is to build a strong and vibrant civil society post- revolution and to instill among young people values of active citizenship, principles of human rights, an understanding of democracy, and encourage them to practice their fundamental rights.



9. Salaheddin Gharman of Misurata, Libya, has a BS in Mechanical Engineering and is the CEO of Shahed Organization, devoted to "Saving Lives and Building Futures". He is interested in learning about transparency issues, especially with regard to elections at the local or national level.



10. Alaeddin Tantush of Tripoli, Libya, has earned a Master's in Computer Engineering and is an Engineer with Aljeel. He is concerned that Libya scored poorly in the Corruption Perceptions Index as did most countries affected by the Arab spring. He therefore seeks to find ways in which administration and civil



11. Muataz Osheibi of Tripoli, Libya, holds a law degree and works as an attorney with the Osheibi Law Firm. He hopes to develop and implement a program that will help the General National Congress and the Libyan people to draft a constitution that can achieve the aims and objectives of the Libyan people and can lead to a democratic state that respects human rights, ensure the separation of powers, protect freedom of speech and other important rights.



12. Suliman Elrajoubi of Misurata, Libya, holds a BS in Electric Engineering and heads the Misurata Combined Cycle Power Plant, General Electric Company of Libya. He hopes to find ways to address some of the most important areas of concern to his country: security and national stability, the absence of a strong police force, the weakness of the transitional government in communicating with the public, and the weakness of the transitional government and General National Congress.

Traveling Abroad?

If you are traveling abroad, whether it's for business or leisure, as a former Member, there may be speaking engagements available to you. The State Department, through its Embassies, may have various topic specific speaking opportunities available in the country you are visiting. State would pay a per diem and cover any costs you may incur by participating, such as having to stay an extra night. If you are interested please let us know when you are traveling.